

# Newsletter

29 July 2024

Number 22/24

**Kia Ora Koutou  
Greetings**

**Manaakitanga  
Kindness**



Riley, Jane and Tuakana enjoying Science experiments in Room 12.

Should kids have school holidays?  
Two very strong arguments are provided over the page.  
Who has convinced you?

**Shimron flying at Miniball.**



**NETBALL DRAW -  
THURSDAY 1  
AUGUST**

**MS Waitakaruru** - Draw not available at the time of printing.

**Term 3  
Upcoming  
Events**

**Weds 31 July**

- BOT Meeting  
5:30pm

**Mon 26 Aug -  
Fri 30 Aug**

- Y7/8 Camp  
Wellington

**Weds 28 Aug**

- BOT Meeting  
5:30pm

**Fri 30 Aug**

- Daffodil Day

**Thurs 19 Sept**

- Soccer  
Hockey  
Funday

**Weds 25 Sept**

- BOT Meeting  
5:30pm

**Fri 27 Sept**

- Last Day  
Term 3

**Mon 14 Oct**

- Term 4  
commences

# MINIBALL - UPDATED

Miniball teams. Games this Wednesday 31st July.

|        |         |            |
|--------|---------|------------|
| 3:30pm | Court 1 | MS Sharks  |
| 3:30pm | Court 2 | MS Suns    |
| 4pm    | Court 1 | MS Lakers  |
| 4pm    | Court 2 | MS Hornets |
| 4:30pm | Court 1 | MS Giants  |
| 5:30pm | Court 1 | MS Bulls   |

## MS Lakers

Manager: Trish Clarke  
Nyjah Potae  
Alex Harding  
Amaia-Rose Tuhakaraina  
Cooper Nahu  
Saphera Jeffress  
Caleb Rojas-Miranda  
Mia Clark

## MS Sharks

Manager: Amanda Fitzpatrick  
Vanessa Hun  
Manaia Herbert-Wilson  
Bethany Bradley  
Mya Hodgson  
Chinna Chico  
Harshika Sedhai  
Barnz Te Hau Tanawhea  
Mahli De Thierry-Gifford-Kara

## MS Giants

Manager: Vonny Marsh  
Tiana Thompson  
Alyssa Marsh  
Kitara Neha-Edwards  
Rangikahu Watene  
Nevaeh-Jay Tawhara  
Elaena Marsh  
Charlene Edwards

## MS Bulls

Manager: Carika Fourie  
Tumanako Watene  
Dohntaye Hudson  
Shimron Dalguntas  
Simon Ponce  
Kelsey Hansen  
Danelle Fourie  
Jesse Bredenkamp

## MS Hornets

Manager: Casey Paraku  
Khean Balaba  
Tia McCaskill-Pakinga  
Taonui McCaskill-Pakinga  
Brock Spencer  
Ashton Moore  
Briar Walker  
Jahsiah Tuhakaraina-Tuira

## MS Suns

Manager: Venus Bali  
Riley Howell  
Te Aonui Rangi-Tamehana  
Anushka Bali  
Oscar Wood-Stotesbury  
Lukah Tyler  
Zaiden Eaves  
Zebastian Irvine-Gillard  
Dean Ermakov





## Should kids have School Holidays?



Most of the population strongly believe that children should have school holidays, but I totally disagree! Why should parents have to take on extra stress to find someone to look after their kids everyday while they go to work? Parents who have jobs obviously can't do this themselves and this adds pressure to their lives.

Do you love sports?? Well what kind of world would we be living in if we didn't have weekly sport? School is practically where you learn to be your best at sport. Two weeks away from school? Two weeks away from sport! When you go on school holidays and finally return, your favourite sport is over. Children love sports! Why make them end at the end of term when they could keep going!?

People say us kids need a break, but we get weekends so why be away for two whole weeks as well? And anyways, we have loads of public holidays like Matariki, ANZAC Day, King's Birthday and many many more! We also get to do lots of fun things after school and don't forget we also play at morning tea and lunch...leaving us plenty of time to do have fun and play throughout the week!

So, as I have said and I'm sure now you all agree with me...children should most definitely **not** have school holidays! School is an important place for us to learn and grow, but it isn't just about learning for 6 hours, its about being with your friends, playing games and sports and building relationships with all your classmates. Why would we want this to end!

Now that you have heard all my reasons, hopefully I have convinced you to also believe that children should not have school holidays!

By Emma Millar  
Year 6

Room 4 started to learn about how to write a persuasive piece of writing last week. The class was given the question 'Should kids have school holidays?' and from here they had to choose a point of view to write from. Some kids took up the challenge of writing about a viewpoint that differed from their own personal belief...can you guess which viewpoint it was? Here are two awesome first attempts at persuasive writing that came out of last week's lesson.



## Should kids have School Holidays?

At the end of every term students get well earned school holidays. After all the tests and assignments throughout the term, they just need a little break to rest and refresh. This is why I strongly believe we need school holidays.

Its not just us kids who need a break, teachers need some time off as well! They put their heart and soul into teaching us and they can get a little stressed while doing it. Sometimes a two week break goes a long way in helping everyone's mental health.

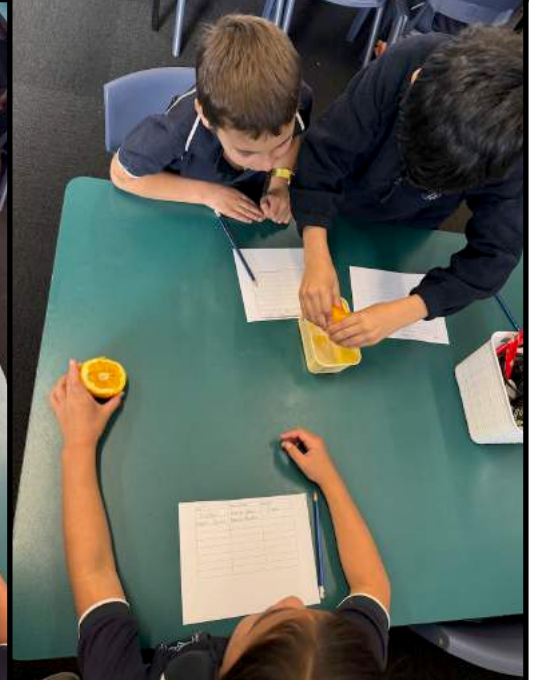
Without school holidays, we would just be doing the same things over and over again and us kids would get incredibly bored. Eventually we would get really cranky with one another and cause total chaos! If that went on for too long, the teachers would practically explode!

During the school holidays we have the option to make the most of our day. Everyday of the term we have to wake up early to get to school, but during the holidays you can have a sleep in and feel rested. You also have the time to go on adventures and practice practice new hobbies that you don't have time for during the school term.

The school holidays are the perfect time to catch up with extended whānau and to have lots of fun with your family and friends. Having a strong connection with your relatives is really important, so the school holidays are a great chance to spend quality time and build memories with them!

So if you love spending that extra time with your family, or you just enjoy going on adventures and having a break...I'm sure you can agree with me that school holidays are necessary for kids. For enjoyment and relaxation, holidays need to stay!

By Patrick Briscoe  
Year 6



## SCIENCE ROOM 12

ROOM 12 HAVE STARTED A SCIENCE FOCUS AROUND FIZZING AND FOAMING. TO START OUR FOCUS WE HAVE BEEN IDENTIFYING CHEMICAL REACTIONS BETWEEN ACIDS AND BASES. THESE PHOTOS SHOW THE REACTION BETWEEN LEMON JUICE AND BAKING SODA. WE HAD LOTS OF FUN MIXING AND MATCHING TO FIND DIFFERENT REACTIONS.